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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted prior to examination of the above-identified application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, please insert the following new first paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/382,278, filed

*A* with the U.S. Patent Office on August 25, 1999, now allowed.--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly cancel claims 1-60.